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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-211 AND 11-212, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 11-211, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 11-211. Membership; qualifications; term; definition

5 A. There shall be in each county having a population of two hundred
6 thousand or more persons a board of supervisors consisting of five members
7 who shall be qualified electors of their supervisorial district, and who
8 shall be elected at a general election at which the president of the United
9 States is elected. In each county having a population of less than two
10 hundred thousand persons, a board of supervisors shall consist of three
11 members, except as prescribed by subsection ~~B-~~ C OF THIS SECTION, who shall
12 be qualified electors of their supervisorial district and who shall be
13 elected at a general election at which the president of the United States is
14 elected. They shall enter upon their duties on January 1 subsequent to their
15 election, and shall hold office for four years. No person holding any other
16 county or precinct office is eligible to the office of supervisor.

17 B. IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE FIRST SEVEN YEARS FOLLOWING THE UNITED
18 STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY POPULATION
19 ESTIMATE FOR THE COUNTY EXCEEDS ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PERSONS FOR THE
20 FIRST TIME, THE COUNTY SHALL CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE
21 CENSUS TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL CENSUS OF THE POPULATION OF THE COUNTY. IF THE
22 POPULATION OF THE COUNTY ACCORDING TO THE SPECIAL CENSUS IS TWO HUNDRED
23 THOUSAND OR MORE PERSONS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL REAPPORTION THE
24 COUNTY INTO FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO SECTION 11-212.

25 ~~B-~~ C. Any county having a population of less than two hundred
26 thousand persons but more than one hundred thousand persons shall call an
27 election to change from a three-member to a five-member board of supervisors,
28 or from a five-member to a three-member board of supervisors, upon receipt by
29 the board of supervisors of a petition ~~signed by not less than~~ CONTAINING
30 SIGNATURES OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS EQUAL TO AT LEAST ten per cent of the
31 ~~qualified voters who voted~~ VOTES CAST IN THE COUNTY at the preceding general
32 election at which a president of the United States was elected. The board
33 shall submit to the electors in such county, at a special election called for
34 such purpose, the question whether or not such county shall elect five
35 members or three members to the board of supervisors. The election shall be
36 held before the first Monday in January preceding the next general election.
37 The ballots shall contain the words: "Five supervisors, yes. Five
38 supervisors, no." or "Three supervisors, yes. Three supervisors, no." If
39 the majority of the qualified electors voting on the question ~~vote~~ VOTES in
40 the affirmative, the board of supervisors shall redistrict the county in
41 accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ section 11-212. The county shall
42 thereafter elect the prescribed number of members to the board of supervisors
43 who shall have the same qualifications as provided in subsection A OF THIS
44 SECTION for a board of supervisors with a population of two hundred thousand

1 or more persons, and shall hold office for a term of four years to commence
2 on January 1.

3 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "POPULATION" MEANS THE POPULATION
4 ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS OR ANY SPECIAL
5 CENSUS CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.

6 Sec. 2. Section 11-212, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
7 11-212. Supervisorial districts

8 The board of supervisors shall meet at the county seat on or before
9 December 1 following the release of the United States decennial OR SPECIAL
10 census data and divide the county into three or five supervisorial districts
11 as provided in ~~this article~~ SECTION 11-211, which shall be numbered,
12 respectively, districts one, two and three or districts one, two, three, four
13 and five. The board shall define the boundaries and limits of each district
14 and make the ~~division~~ DISTRICTS equal or with not more than ten per cent
15 difference in population. The county may redistrict as often as deemed
16 necessary between each United States decennial census.